

**Community Services Block Grant
Programmatic/Financial Report
October 11, 2016**

The Community Services Block Grant funds the delivery of services to low income Texas residents in all 254 counties. These funds support a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of community action agencies.

For the City of Austin, the grant provides funding for the delivery of basic needs, case management, preventive health and employment support services through the City's six (6) Neighborhood Centers and the three (3) Outreach Sites.

- **Basic Needs** (food, clothing, information and referral, notary services, transportation, school supplies, car safety education and car seats, tax preparation, Blue Santa applications, fans, Thanksgiving food baskets and other seasonal activities);
- **Preventive Health** (screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol; pregnancy testing; health promotion presentations, coordination and participation in health fairs, immunizations, coordination of wellness activities, linkages to medical home providers);
- **Case Management** (individual/family support counseling, advocacy, self-sufficiency case management, crisis intervention, linkages with employers, educational opportunities and training, and working with individuals on quality of life issues);
- **Employment Support** (intake, assessment and goal setting, job readiness training, job placement assistance, and job retention services)

Expenditures Categories	2016 Approved Budget	Cumulative Expenditures as of 8/31/16	% of Total
Personnel	\$626,904.00	\$298,476.33	48%
Fringe Benefits	\$344,382.00	\$164,098.35	48%
Contractual	\$111,624.00	\$ 45,520.03	41%
Other	\$9,630.00	\$ 8,443.74	88%
Total	\$1,092,540.00	\$ 516,538.45	47%

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MISSION: To prevent disease, promote health, and protect the well-being of our community.

TOP 5 NEEDS: Basic needs; employment; housing services; health; education

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Percent of Contract Expired: 67%

NPI	Description	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
Goal 1: Low-income people become more self-sufficient.		± 20%			achieved/target
1.1	Employment				
1.1 A	Unemployed and obtained a job	60	103	68	113%
1.1 B	Employed and maintained a job for at least 90 days	16	91	11	69%
1.1 C	Employed and obtained an increase in employment income and/or benefits	60	118	58	97%
1.1 D	Achieved "living wage" employment and/or benefits	7	80	17	243%
1.3	Economic Assessment Enhancement and Utilization	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
1.3 A	Number and percent of participants in tax preparation programs who qualified for any type of Federal or State tax credit and the expected aggregate dollar amount of credits	125	256	136	108.8%
Goal 6: Low-income people, especially vulnerable populations, achieve their potential by strengthening family and other supportive environments.					
6.1	Seniors/Disabled				
6.1 A	Senior Citizens		1586		
6.1 B	Individuals with Disabilities		981		
6.2	Emergency Services		#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.2 A	Emergency Food		27493	27493	100.00%
6.2 B	Emergency fuel or utility payments funded by LIHEAP or other public and private funding sources		109	109	100.00%
6.2 C	Emergency Rent or Mortgage Assistance		144	144	100.00%
6.2 F	Emergency Medical Care		4029	4029	100.00%
6.2 I	Emergency Transportation		76	76	100.00%
6.2 K	Emergency Clothing		214	214	100.00%
6.3	Child and Family Development	Target	#Enrolled	#Achieved	Success Rate %
6.3 A	Infants and children obtain age-appropriate immunizations, medical, and dental care	65	4	4	6%
6.3 J	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved parenting skills	40	53	36	90.00%
6.3 K	Parents and other adults learn and exhibit improved family functioning skills	220	302	104	47%

Transition Out of Poverty Goal					
TOP	Individuals who transitioned out of poverty	45	19		42%

Programmatic/Administrative Updates

1. TDHCA Monitoring Visit - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs conducted a monitoring of the Community Services Block Grant on November 2 – 6, 2015. The monitoring report and HHSD's response was provided to members of the Community Development Commission (CDC). TDHCA's close out report has been shared with the CDC. HHSD continues to work with City Legal, NHCD and the City Clerk's office to address the concerns regarding the structure of the Community Development Commission. Additional information will be provided to members during the meeting.
2. Rosewood-Zaragosa Neighborhood Center – Angel Zambrano accepted the position of Program Supervisor effective October 17, 2016.
3. FY15 Single Audit – The City's audit firm has completed the audit and confirmed there are no findings for CSBG. A copy of the audit is posted along with the back-up materials.
4. East Austin Community Development Commission Member – The CDC's recommendation to change the responsible organization to hold the nomination/election meeting to the East Cesar Chavez contact team was approved by the Audit and Finance Committee on September 28, 2016.
5. Blue Santa – The Neighborhood Centers have begun taking applications for Blue Santa to help families who would like assistance during the Christmas season. The schedule is posted online at www.bluesanta.org. Individuals and families can apply online or in person during the scheduled times.

Crisis Intervention Team - Story of Success

A client was referred to the crisis intervention team due to a pending eviction. The client is a single parent living on a fixed income due to a disability. She had not been able to find legal representation who could assist her throughout the eviction process and was facing an upcoming hearing.

The crisis intervention team worked closely with the client to clarify all the related issues involved, and through ongoing advocacy on behalf of the client, located a pro bono attorney who took the case and represented her during the hearing. The client was able to maintain her housing as a result and was not evicted.